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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted in the above-identified national stage application of PCT/EP00/08469 filed on even date herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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X is straight-chain or branched alkylene having up to 8 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched alkenediyl having up to 8 carbon atoms which may in each case contain one to three groups from the group consisting of phenyl, phenyloxy, O, CO and CONR<sup>29</sup>,

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph: